

It is given out for certain, say the letters from Hamburgh, that the court of Vienna will bring upon the tapis next year, the election of a king of Bohemia: But at the same time it is whisper'd, that another German potentate may possibly get the start of the house of Austria in this election, though he does not design that kingdom for any of his own Relations. *This seems very mysterious.*

L O N D O N.

Extract of a letter from Gosport, dated Oct. 12.

"The following cruel and barbarous affair happened on board the Chesterfield man of war, which lies in ordinary in this harbour: About one o'clock on Sunday in the afternoon, the gunner being a little indisposed was in his cabin, and his wife in the gallery roasting a fowl for dinner, there was no person else in the ship, but a French or Italian boy, about nineteen years of age, who was the boatswain's servant; he came behind the gunner's wife, while she was roasting the fowl, and gave her several blows on her head, with one of the trowsers that is used in scraping the ship's sides, which cut her head very much, and, after she fell down, the villain stuffed her mouth full of oakum and chips, gave her several other blows, then left her wallowing in her gore, and went to the gunner her husband, knocked him down with a carpenter's mallet, and gave him so many blows, that he left him for dead; then broke open his chest, took his watch, money, several shirts and shifts, and other wearing apparel, took her gold rings from his fingers, then went to his wife, took her gold rings and ear rings; one being hard to come out, he cut it out of her ear, and left them both in that deplorable condition, took the ship's boat, and went up to Portchester, with the things he had stolen, then turned the boat adrift. It appears that he dressed himself in some of the gunner's cloaths, for his own cloaths were found in the boat: When the gunner recovered a little, which was not for some considerable time after, he crawled to the ship's side, and hailed the next ship, when assistance came to him; then went to his wife, and found her in the condition above mentioned; she was soon after brought on shore to this town, where she still continues past all hopes of recovery, having not been able to speak since: She has several other marks of violence about her. Notwithstanding the most diligent search has been made after the villain, he has not been heard of."

Remarkable Occurrences Abroad.

A large army of locusts hath appear'd on the frontiers of Austria that darken'd the sun above a quarter of an hour, and divided into three columns, two took the rout of Switzerland, and the third moved towards the Alps.

The plague has broke out on the frontiers of Poland and has carried off a great number of people.

Several wrecks and merchandizes have been thrown on the coasts of Normandy, and, from the bad weather, they apprehended at Ostend dismal accounts from sea.

The trade at Dunkirk daily increases, and the talk of demolishing the harbour is quite dropt.

The Capt. of the Nazareth galley, and five more of the Maltese conspirators were lately broke alive upon the wheel at Malta; and at the same time nine slaves, four Jews, and three Greeks, all sew'd up in sacks, were thrown into the sea. The grand master is determined to punish the bashaw of Rhodes, who was the author of this bloody design, but the grand signior having interposed in his favour, may perhaps, alter his resolution.

All the men of war and frigates in the ports of Spain, have orders to hold themselves ready to sail on the first notice.

A Stomacher cover'd with diamonds, to the value of 400,000 pieces of eight, is preparing at Turin, as a present to the infant of Spain.

A ship lately arrived at Florence from Algiers with the plague on board, 30 of her crew having died in the passage, all the effects on board were carried to the pest-house.

Don Louis d'Acathia, the old Portuguese minister, who died lately at Paris, in the 105th year of his age, is said to have left behind him memoirs of his own time, written with his own hand, and containing a great number of curious Anecdotes, relating to the courts and ministers of the several parts of Europe. Such a work as this, it is hoped, will not be suppress'd, as it must give great light into modern history, and the true characters of public persons. Might we not hope to find in it many things which respect ourselves, and our own great men? In particular, might it not inform us what was the consideration paid in 177

ry powerful and expensive fleet sent that year to Lisbon, under the conduct of Sir John Norris, to protect the kingdom of Portugal against the resentment of Spain? It is, I think, pretty well remember'd, that Nöfling was brought to account on the remarkable occasion.

To the PRINTER.

SIR,

For the Entertainment of your Readers please to insert the inclos'd, and you'll oblige Nemo.

The RECIPE.

BEFORE creating Nature will'd
That Atoms into Forms should jar,
By me the Boundless Space was fill'd,
On me was built the first made Star.
By the proud Atheist I'm rever'd;
At me the Coward draws his Sword:
By the brave Hero I am fear'd;
Compell'd by me, Truth breaks her Word.
Scorn'd by the meek and humble Mind,
Yet often by the vain possell'd;
Heard by the Deaf, seen by the Blind,
I give the troubled Conscience Rest.
Than Wildom's sacred Self I'm wiser,
And yet by every Blockhead known;
I'm freely given by the Miser,
Kept by the Prodigal alone.
The K——, God bless him, as 'tis said,
At me is sometimes in a Passion;
And even him I can persuade
To act against his Inclination.
A Vice deferr'd, as Virtue fair,
The Courtier's Loss, the Patriot's Gain,
The Poet's Wealth, the Coxcomb's Care.
Fools, read, and take me for your Pains.

ANNAPOLIS.

Yesterday se'nnight, at Night, the following melancholy Accident happened in *Queen Anne's County*; viz. One *John Carr*, being at the House of Mr. *Matthew Dockery*, got out of his Bed, when asleep, and going to the Window of the Chamber where he lay, which was 20 Feet from the Ground, went out of the same Window; and, by the Fall, broke the Bone of one of his Thighs in two Places, as also one of his Legs; and fractur'd his Scull in a terrible Manner: But we don't hear that he is yet dead. This Disaster is much lamented by his Friends and Neighbours, he being a very sober, honest, industrious Man.

We are informed, that a Death Warrant is issued for the Execution (on Weensday next) of the Sevant, lately mentioned in two former Gazettes, for the Murder of his Master in *Cecil County*: And that another Special Commision is appointed for trying, a second Time, the Widow of the Deceased; it being still suspected, that she (tho' lately acquitted) was too much concerned in that barbarous Affair.

Custom-House, ANNAPOLIS, *Entered*,
Schooner Jolly Robin, Samuel Foster from Salem;
Schooner Eagle, Daniel Carr, from Salem.

Cleared for Departure,
Schooner Olive Branch, Samuel Harlow, for Boston;
Schooner Sparrow, Tobias Davis, for Salem;
Schooner Lawtel, Thomas Palmer, for Virginia.

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